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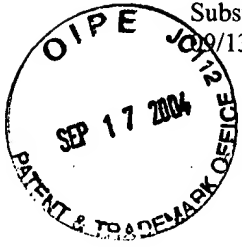
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SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Sir:

This submission is responsive to the Interview Summary mailed on August 17, 2004.

On August 16, 2004, the Examiner and the undersigned had a telephonic conference to discuss the restriction requirement mailed on July 30, 2004. The purpose of the interview is to identify ways to possibly examine all the pending claims in light of the relatively long prosecution history of this application. The Examiner suggested amending the pending claims so that they have similar scope. No agreement was reached on any of the pending claims.

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